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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S APPOINTMENT WITH COMMISSIONER GARBA MAY 24

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1. WHEN I INFORMED GARBA'S PERSONAL AIDE BRONSON DEDE OF THHE SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH GARBA MAY 24 FROM 6:00-6:30 P.M. I DREW A COMPLETE BLANK. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHO ASKED FOR THE MEETING. I SAID I DID NOT KNOW. HE SAID HE KNEW OF NO REQUEST ON GARBA'S PART BUT WOULD ASK HIM. HE EXPRESSED POLITE PUZZLEMENT THAT GARBA WOULD BE ASKED TO MAKE THE TRIP FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON FOR A MERE THIRTY MINUTE MEETING GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUES THAT THEY MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS WITH EACH OTHER.

2. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT REFTTEL MAY BE PART OF GENERAL ORCHES- TRATION OF MEETINGS SECRETARY MAY BE HAVING WITH A STRING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK, NOT IN WASHINGTON. WOULD APPRE- CIATE DEPARTMENT'S CLARIFICATION ASAP REGARDING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PROPOSED CONVERSAATION. I AM CERTAIN GARBA WOULD WELCOME THIS HALF-HOUR CONSULTATION IF IT TAKES PLACE IN NEW YORK.

3. GARBA PRESENTLY INTENDS ARRIVE NEW YORK MONDAY, MAY 22. DEPARTING SATURDAY, MAY 27.

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